

MORRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY

MINUTES of the Board Meeting held on September 24, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.,
Knox Conference Room #525, Morris County
Administration and Records Building, Morristown, New Jersey

At 6:00 p.m., John Bonanni, Chairman to the Morris County Improvement Authority called the meeting to order. The following persons were in attendance:

John Bonanni, Chairman
Scott Gallopo, Commissioner
Joseph Kovalcik, Commissioner
Ellen Sandman, Commissioner
Stephen B. Pearlman, Esq., Pearlman & Miranda, LLC
Matt Jessup, Esq., McManimon, Scotland and Baumann, LLC
Heather Litzebauer, NW Financial
Joseph Santaiti, Gabel Associates
John Krickus, Freeholder Director and Liaison to the MCIA
Daniel O'Mullan, Esq., County Counsel

Commissioner Bonanni asked for the reading of the public statement in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act which was then read by recording secretary Kirsten Sossin.

Commissioner Bonanni asked for "roll call" for the Authority. Four (4) of the five (5) Commissioners were in attendance, Mr. Scott Gallopo, Mr. Joseph Kovalcik, Ms. Ellen Sandman, Mr. John Bonanni. Ms. Christina Ramirez was absent. A quorum was established.

Commissioner Bonanni introduced and welcomed Commissioner Scott Gallopo, who was recently appointed to the Commission.

Approval of the August 20, 2014 minutes was considered, Commissioner Kovalcik made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 20th meeting. Commissioner Bonanni seconded the motion; all others were in favor to accept the minutes of August 20th.

The public portion of the meeting was opened. – No comment at this time.

Agenda item 6(i) was discussed – Resolution authorizing the execution of a contract for general, bond and special energy counsel services. Commissioner Kovalcik reported that he discussed the submissions from all firms, with other Commissioners on the review committee. Three (3) firms responded. (DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP; Hawkins Delafield & Wood, LLP and Pearlman & Miranda LLC). The Pearlman & Miranda, LLC firm was recommended. Commissioner Kovalcik made a motion to adopt this resolution; Commissioner Sandman seconded the motion. Roll was called. The resolution was approved unanimously. The motion carried and Resolution No. 14-32 "RESOLUTION OF THE MORRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR GENERAL, BOND AND SPECIAL ENERGY COUNSEL SERVICES" (NO. 14-32) was adopted.

Agenda item 6(ii) was discussed – Resolution recommending payment of expenses by Tioga Energy, LLC related to Tranche I of the Authority's renewable energy program. Commissioner Kovalcik made a motion to adopt this resolution, Commissioner Sandman seconded the motion. Roll was called. The resolution was approved unanimously. The motion carried and Resolution No. 14-33 "RESOLUTION OF THE MORRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY RECOMMENDING PAYMENT OF EXPENSES BY TIOGA ENERGY (ASSIGNMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF CREDITORS), LLC RELATED TO TRANCHE I OF THE AUTHORITY'S RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAM" (NO. 14-33) was adopted.

Agenda item 6(iii) was discussed – Resolution approving the payment of bills as listed on the Schedule of Warrants. Commissioner Kovalcik reported there was and advanced payment to Pro-Tech Solutions for emergency work. Commissioner Sandman made a motion to adopt this resolution, Commissioner Kovalcik seconded the motion. Roll was called. The resolution was approved unanimously. The motion carried and Resolution No. 14-34 “Bill List” (NO. 14-34) was adopted.

A re-motion on Agenda item 6(i) was taken to appoint the firm of Pearlman and Miranda, LLC. Commissioner Sandman made a motion to adopt this resolution, Commissioner Kovalcik seconded the motion. Roll was called. The resolution was approved unanimously. The motion carried and Resolution No. 14-32 “RESOLUTION OF THE MORRIS COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR GENERAL, BOND AND SPECIAL ENERGY COUNSEL SERVICES” (NO. 14-32) was adopted.

Executive Session - Commissioner Kovalcik made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Contract Negotiations”. Commissioner Gallopo seconded the motion. At 6:30 p.m. the Board entered Executive Session.

Other Items – Commissioner Bonanni asked Commissioner Kovalcik, Commissioner Gallopo along with Commissioner Sandman to serve on the review committee regarding the RFP for Auditing Services to the Improvement Authority.

At 7:15 p.m. Commissioner Sandman made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Commissioner Gallopo seconded the motion.

Commissioner Sandman made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Gallopo seconded the motion. All Commissioners were in favor to adjourn the meeting. The September 24, 2014 meeting of the Morris County Improvement Authority was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirsten Sossin
Recording Secretary